

of a great man, I think it a piece of injustice not to ask who was his mother. John Newton's mother was a pious woman of the last century who had ten children. When she came to die she said they were all in Christ or with Christ. She said she had never given any of them at any time the breast without a secret prayer in her heart that she might nurse a Christain and not an infidel. I am almost sure of salvation, not because I love God, but because He loved me and sent His Son. Jesus came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. I hope that you habitually bring forth the love of Christ in your sermons. It was this that made Rowland Hill and Whitefield so successful.

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HIS LAST YEARS.

FROM ONE OF THE FAMILY, THEN ON A VISIT TO
OUR PARENTS.

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You would be surprised to see Father and Mother looking so well. Father's mind is quite vigorous. On Sabbath morning, at the dawn of day, I heard him repeating his discourses. It was the same voice, the same language, and the same earnestness that we were accustomed to hear in the days of our childhood. How vividly our early days flashed before my mind, and collected us all once more under our father's roof, where we had heard so many good counsels and enjoyed so many precious privileges! In a reflective mood where one has spent the sunny days of childhood, there is more than ordinary attractions, the grass appears greener, the trees more majestic, and the air purer than in any other spot, because everything is